back to transfer the said College to Bangalore the proposal was not carried on account of the express desire of the late Her Highness the *Mahamathosri Vani Vilasa Sannidhana* for its retention at Mysore alone ?

(*c*) Whether there are any strong reasons to alter the decision now and go against the wishes of the late Her Highness for its retention at Mysore ?

GENERAL SECRETARY TO GOVT.—

A.—51. (*a*) No.

(*b*) Government have no information.

(*c*) Does not arise in view of reply to (*b*) above.

MR. T. RAMACHANDRA (Labour Interests).—

Q.—54. Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) When was the Government Order issued to grant maternity benefit to the women employees in industrial concerns under Government management ?

(*b*) What is the amount of benefit given to each woman and for how many months ?

(*c*) (i) What are the industrial concerns under Government management in which such benefits are given ?

(ii) How many women are employed in each of the above concerns?

(iii) How many applications were received for maternity benefit in each of the above concerns during the past five years, and what are the total amounts disbursed during the said period (the information to be kindly given yearwar)?

(*d*) How many women sweepers and scavengers are employed in each of the major cities and town municipalities in the State (information to be kindly given placewar)?

(*e*) Are these women scavengers and sweepers also given maternity benefit in all the city and town municipalities, as the women employees in Government industrial concerns ?

(*f*) If the answer to (*e*) is in the negative, will the Government be pleased to issue executive order to all the major city and town municipalities in the State to make provision for the grant of maternity leave and allowance to their women scavengers and sweepers ?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.—

A.—54. (*a*) In April 1933 (Government Order No. D. 5274-5/I. & C. 253-32-2, dated 21st April 1933).

(*b*) The rate of benefit is calculated on the daily wages earned during the period of three months preceding the date of confinement or at 8 annas per day, whichever is less. The maximum period for which the benefit is due is 4 weeks up to the day of confinement and 4 weeks following that date. The qualifying period of employment to secure the benefit is 9 months.

(*c*) (i) All the concerns under the control of the Department of Industries and Commerce.

(ii) *Vide* Statement enclosed. (Appendix).

(iii) *Vide* Statement enclosed. (Appendix).

(*d*) and (*e*) A statement giving the information available is appended. (Appendix).

(*f*) This is a matter for the consideration of the Municipal Councils concerned.

MR. M. GOPALASWAMI IYENGAR (Special Interests).—

Q.—55. Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) (i) When was the Mysore Co-operative Land Mortgage Bank started ; (ii) since the starting of the Bank, how many Co-operative Land Mortgage Societies have been established and on what dates ?

(*b*) What is at present the total number of subscribed shares and shareholders, —

(i) In the Land Mortgage Bank, and

(ii) In each of its affiliated Land Mortgage Societies ?

(*c*) What is the total number of loan applications (1) received, (2) sanctioned, and (3) rejected (i) by the Land Mortgage Bank, and (ii) by such of its affiliated Land Mortgage Societies up to 30th April 1935 in each year since the starting of the Land Mortgage Bank and each of its affiliated Land Mortgage Societies ?

(*d*) What is the rate of interest at which the Bank or Society raises its

capital (*i.e.*, Shares and Debentures); what is the rate of interest at which the Land Mortgage Bank lends to its affiliated Land Mortgage Societies, and the latter in turn lend to their members; what is the penal rate of interest levied by the Land Mortgage Bank and by its affiliated Land Mortgage Societies respectively?

(*e*) What is the average rate of interest which the agricultural industry in Mysore yields at present on the capital invested in it? (The average return from lands growing food crops and commercial crops may kindly be furnished separately.)

(*f*) (i) Are the Government aware that the return from land is far less than the rate of interest at which the agriculturists are obliged to borrow and (ii) that under the present scheme of land mortgage credit, it is impossible to relieve agricultural indebtedness in the country?

(*g*) What are the steps which the Government have taken or contemplated taking in order to increase the productivity of agricultural land and to secure to the agriculturists cheaper and more advantageous credit?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT:—

A.—55. (*a*) (i) 25th November 1929.

(*a*) (ii) (*b*) and (*c*) Statement appended (Appendix).

(*d*) Debenture capital is raised only by the Land Mortgage Bank in different series; the rate of interest paid on each series being determined by the market rate prevailing at the time. So far three series have been floated at the following rates of interest:—

	Rate of interest.	*Year of issue.*
I Series ...	5 p.c.	1930
II „ ...	4½ „	1933
III „ ...	4 „	1935

No interest is paid on share capital but divided depending on the profits earned by each society.

The Land Mortgage Bank lends to its affiliated land mortgage societies at 7 per cent and the latter in their turn to their members at 8 per cent. On arrears instalments of loans due to the Land Mortgage Bank, the defaulters will be liable to pay interest at such rates as may be fixed by the Board of Directors from time to time, but not exceeding 10 per cent per annum on the amounts actually overdue. Interest levied by the societies on overdue instalments is fixed at 10 per cent.

(*e*) Information is not available.

(*f*) (i) Full and correct information not available.

(ii) It is too early to judge and the position has been complicated by the present depression.

(*g*) The activities of the Agricultural and Co-operative Departments are directed to this end even apart from other activities of Government.

MR. M. A. GOPALASWAMY IYENGAR (Special Interests).—

Q.—56. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) Whether it has come to the notice of Government that the Provincial Co-operative Banks and other Co-operative Societies in Mysore and other Indian States have been unjustly excluded from the scheme of the Reserve Bank of India Act II of 1934, although the Indian States have been included in the Schedule to the Act and the subjects of the States and the Joint Stock Companies registered therein have been recognised for the purposes of the Act?

(*b*) Whether, in view of the fact that the reserve Bank would exercise a very large influence over credit and finance in the country, the Government have taken or proposed to take any steps to secure to the Provincial Co-operative Bank and other Co-operative Societies in the State, the same privileges as are accorded to the Provisional Co-operative Banks and other Co-operative Societies in British India?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.—

A.—56. (*a*) Government are aware that Co-operative Banks in Indian States are excluded.

(*b*) On a reference made, the Government of India have replied that they do not propose at present to consider amending the Reserve Bank of